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Algeria	Loi n° 18-07 du 25 Ramadhan 1439 correspondant au 10 juin 2018 relative à la protection des personnes physiques dans le traitement des données à caractère personnel	Law n° 18-07 of 10 June 2018 on the protection of natural persons with respect to the processing of personal data	10 June 2018	no	— (one year after establishment of DPA, art. 75)
Angola	Lei n.º 22/11 da Protecção de Dados Pessoais	Law n.º 22/11 on the Protection of Personal Data	17 June 2011	yes (APD)	8 October 2019 ¹
Benin	Loi n° 2017-20 du 20 avril 2018 portant code du numérique en République du Bénin , artt. 379-490	Law n° 2017-20 of 20 April 2018 relating to the digital code of the Republic of Benin (Digital Code), artt. 379-490	20 April 2018	yes (APDP)	20 April 2018
Botswana	Data Protection Act, 2018 (Law No. 32 of 2018)	Data Protection Act, 2018	3 August 2018	no	— (commencement conditional on notice by competent minister, s 1)
Burkina Faso	Loi n° 001-2021/AN portant protection des personnes à l'égard du traitement des données à caractère personnel	Law n° 001-2021/AN relating to the protection of persons toward the processing of personal data (replacing Law n° 010-2004/AN)	30 March 2021	yes (CIL)	30 March 2022 (grace period of one year, art. 81(3); prior law enforced from 18 May 2007 ²)
Cape Verde	Lei n.º 41/VIII/2013 de 17 de Setembro Lei nº 121/IX//2021 de 17 de março	Law n.º 41/VIII/2013 of 17 September (as amended by Law n° 121/IX 2021 of 17 March)	17 March 2021	yes (CNPDP)	17 April 2021 (one month after publication, art. 6(1))
Chad	Loi n° 007/PR/2015 portant protection des données à caractère personnel	Law n° 007/PR/2015 relating to the protection of personal data	10 February 2015	yes (ANSICE)	10 February 2016 (private sector, art. 96(b)) 10 February 2017 (public sector, art. 96(a))
Congo (Rep.)	Loi n° 29-2019 du 10 octobre 2019 portant protection des données à caractère personnel	Law n° 29-2019 of 10 October 2019 relating to the protection of personal data	10 October 2019	no	— (for dates of compliance, see art. 100)
Egypt	قانون رقم ١٥١ لسنة ٢٠٢٠ بإصدار قانون حماية البيانات الشخصية	Law no. 151 of 2020 (Data Protection Law)	13 July 2020	no	— (one year after publication of Executive Regulations)

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Equatorial Guinea	Ley Núm. 1/2016, de fecha 22 de Julio, de Protección de Datos Personales	Law No. 1/2016 of 22 July on the Protection of Personal Data	22 July 2016	no	—
Ethiopia	የግሌ ዲኃ ጥበቃን ተምሎንገግ የወጣ አዋጅ (v. 01.03.2020)	<i>Proclamation to Provide for Personal Data Protection (v. 01.03.2020)</i>	—	no	—
Gabon	Loi n°001/2011 relative à la protection des données à caractère personnel	Law n°001/2011 on the protection of personal data	25 September 2011	yes (CNPDCP)	31 May 2018 ³
Ghana	Data Protection Act, 2012	—	10 May 2012	yes (DPC)	November 2012 ⁴
Guinea	Loi N° L/ 2016/ 037/ AN, Relative à la cybersécurité et la protection des données à caractère personnel en République de Guinée, 2^{ème} partie	Law N° L / 2016 / 037 / AN, On cybersecurity and on the protection of personal data in the Republic of Guinea, 2 nd part	26 July 2017	no	—
Ivory Coast	Loi n° 2013-450 du 19 juin 2013 relative à la protection des données à caractère personnel	Law n° 2013-450 of 19 June 2013 on the protection of personal data	19 June 2013	yes (ARTCI)	19 December 2013 (grace period of six months, art. 53)
Kenya	The Data Protection Act No. 24 of 2019	Data Protection Act, 2019	8 November 2019	yes (ODPC)	16 November 2020 ⁵
Lesotho	Act No. 5 of 2012. Data Protection Act, 2011 (as amended)	Data Protection Act, 2011 (as amended)	1 January 2013	no	—
Madagascar	LOI N° 2014 – 038 Sur la protection des données à caractère personnel	Law N° 2014 – 038 On the protection of personal data	9 January 2015	no	—
Malawi	<i>The Draft Data Protection Bill, 2021</i>	—	—	no	—
Mali	Loi N°2013-015/ du 21 mai 2013 portant protection des données à caractère personnel en République du Mali	Law N°2013-015 of 21 May 2013 relating to the protection of personal data in the Republic of Mali	21 May 2013	yes (APDP)	July 2015 ⁶

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Mauritania	Loi n° 2017-020 sur la protection des données à caractère personnel	Law n° 2017-020 on the protection of personal data	22 July 2017	no	—
Mauritius	The Data Protection Act 2017. Act No. 20 of 2017	Data Protection Act 2017	22 December 2017	yes (DPO)	15 January 2018
Morocco	Loi n° 09-08 relative à la protection des personnes physiques à l'égard du traitement des données à caractère personnel	Law n° 09-08 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data	18 February 2009	yes (CNDP)	28 March 2011 ⁷
Namibia	<i>Draft Data Protection Bill</i>	—	—	no	—
Niger	Loi n° 2017-28 du 03 mai 2017, relative à la protection des données à caractère personnel Loi n° 2019-71 du 24 décembre 2019	Law n° 2017-28 of 3 May 2017, on the protection of personal data (as amended by Law n° 2019-71 of 24 December 2019)	3 May 2017	yes (HAPDP)	5 August 2020 ⁸
Nigeria	<i>Data Protection Bill, 2020</i> (further, see the Nigeria Data Protection Regulation 2019)	—	—	yes (NITDA)	—
Rwanda	Law n° 058/2021 of 13/10/2021 relating to the protection of personal data and privacy	—	15 October 2021	no	—
São Tomé & Príncipe	Lei n.º 03/2016 Protecção de Dados Pessoais	Law n.º 03/2016 Protection of Personal Data	18 March 2016	yes (ANPDP)	24 April 2018 ⁹
Senegal	Loi n° 2008 – 12 sur la Protection des données à caractère personnel	Law n° 2008 – 12 on the protection of personal data	25 January 2008	yes (CDP)	31 January 2014 ¹⁰
Seychelles	Data Protection Act. Act 9 of 2003	Data Protection Act, 2002	24 December 2003	no	— (commencement conditional on order by competent minister, s 1)

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South Africa	Act No. 4 of 2013: Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013	Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013	19 November 2013	yes (Information Regulator SA)	1 July 2020 (set by the President under s 115(1)) ¹¹
South Sudan	<i>Data Protection Bill, 2020</i>	—	—	no	—
Swaziland	<i>Draft Data Protection Bill</i>	—	—	no	—
Tanzania	<i>Andiko Dhana la Ulinzi wa Taarifa Binafsi, 2021</i>	<i>Proposal for Personal Data Protection, 2021</i>	—	no	—
Togo	Loi N° 2019-014 du 29 octobre 2019 relative à la protection des données à caractère personnel	Law N° 2019-014 of 29 October 2019 on the protection of personal data	30 October 2019	no (IPCDP is currently being set up)	—
Tunisia	Loi organique numéro 63 en date du 27 juillet 2004 portant sur la protection des données à caractère personnel	Organic Law no. 63 of 27 July 2004 relating to the protection of personal data	27 July 2004	yes (INPDP)	1 January 2008 ¹²
Uganda	The Data Protection and Privacy Act, 2019	—	25 February 2019	no	—
Zambia	Act No. 3 of 2021. The Data Protection Act, 2021	Data Protection Act, 2021	31 March 2021 ¹³	no	—
Zimbabwe	Cyber Security and Data Protection Bill, 2019	<i>Cyber Security and Data Protection Act</i>	—	no	—

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